Niles Friday.
May 1875

Dear Millie

I send you a piece ^like^ of your black dress. I hope you will mend it right away and have it to wear. The weather is so cool that it is more suitable than any thing else. I also send a belt for the basque. You know you said I should lose the measure, I did not lose it, but when I came home I put it away so very carefully that I cannot find it. I wish I knew just what memory was, I might then understand how the fact of my putting that so carefully could be so clear and distinct

what they call insanity. Then he went ~~out~~ ^on^ to talk as fast as he could about everything religion, womens dress, himself, the Chinamen, gravitation etc, etc, said he wanted to see Charlie. He knew he said that Charlie could talk about things. Sometimes he would work himself up into quite an excitement and once he swore but explained after it that he did not mean anything profane. After awhile Papa and Annie came home and Charlie and Oscar came in, and we had lunch. His manner at the table was perfectly polite. After lunch Annie asked him to go in the parlor and see our pictures and he seemed so pleased with the one on the left side, the cherub you know that has such a sweet peaceful expression.

He stood and looked at it a long time and spoke of it very gently. He asked Annie how she was and if she went out in the sun shine a good deal.

in my mind, and yet the place, (which is the most important fact,) be so utterly gone. Well having no measure and no buttons like the dress, I concluded to send it (the belt) as it is and tell you to take the clasp of that leather belt and fasten to this. It will be the least trouble of anything and will be a handy fastening.

Papa said I should not have said to you that we saw no way to keep you at the University now when you were preparing for examination and perhaps I ought not, but I did as I would be done by, and in many things I think any thing is better than suspense Don't you? Annie is enjoying the birthday presents she

recieved very much. I am sure I feel very grateful to Mrs. Head and Annie and Prof. Sill. for their kindness to her. We had quite a day of it yesterday. About 11. Oclock I saw a buggy drive up with Mr. Lynch and Oscar in it. Papa and Annie were out riding, and I did not know where Charlie was and for an instant I confess to a little dread, but of course I knew it would never do to show it and I went out to the door to meet him. Oscar did not come in with him. He came in very gentlemanly, sat down and said that he thought he would come and see us, he wanted to see some one who could talk, in an intelligent way and that he thought about us, and that they told him Charlie was there just before he had this attack of

Of course it was very sad
to see him so bereft of his
reason as he evidently was
and yet it was utterly im-
-possible to keep from laughing
sometimes, as for instance
when he remarked that he
saw a little Presbyterian Church
in Mr. Alexander's eye, or when
in the midst of a talk about
gravitation, he said "well
to change the subject, Miss
Lynch and I don't agree
in taste at all. To one who
knows how little taste she
has this could not but be
a little amusing. He seemed
to have mainly on his mind
however the fact that a few
men like Hollister and
Leland Stanford have so
much land while so many
poor fellows cannot get a
foothold. He kept going

back to that and told Charlie
when he was out doors
with him that he come
to get him to join a
company to go and set
matters right and
explained to him how
he was going to make
a machine to run the
cars off the track when
Stamford went on, or some
thing of the kind I dont know
exactly what. Charlie turned
his attention to something
else. Charlie unites with
the Chh. next Sabbath. As
he had reached this point
calmly and without urging
of any kind, it is very satisfacty
Now Millie dont cram
too much for examination
It is not a healthful process
for body or mind and you
are infinitely dearer to us
than any honours you a.
could possibly win. Mama